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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

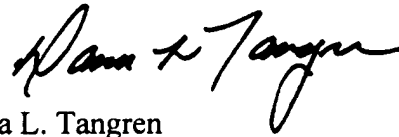
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the listed references or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed.

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